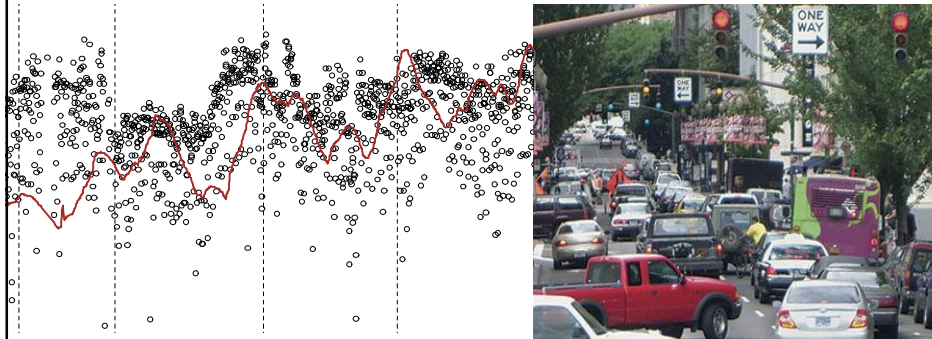


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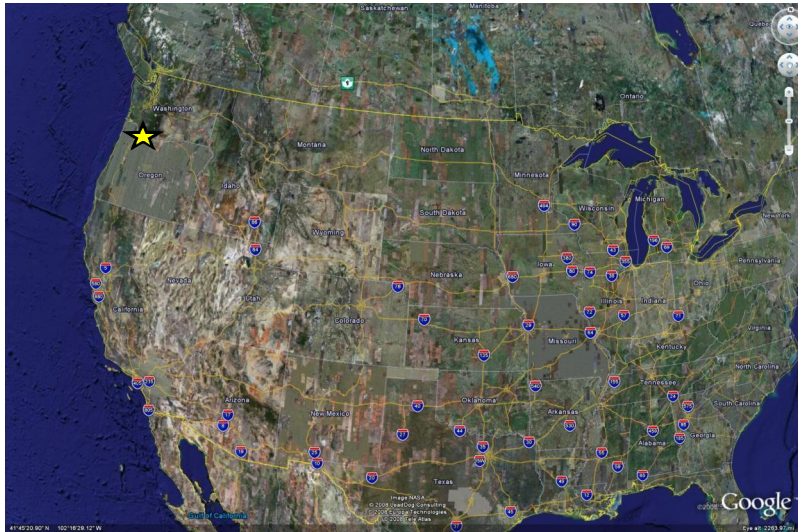


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 - Transit system performance
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PORTAL -- Region's ADUS

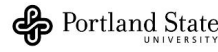
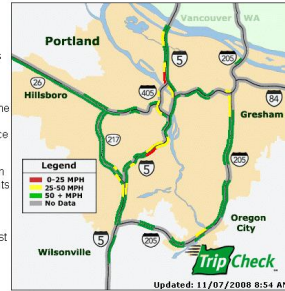


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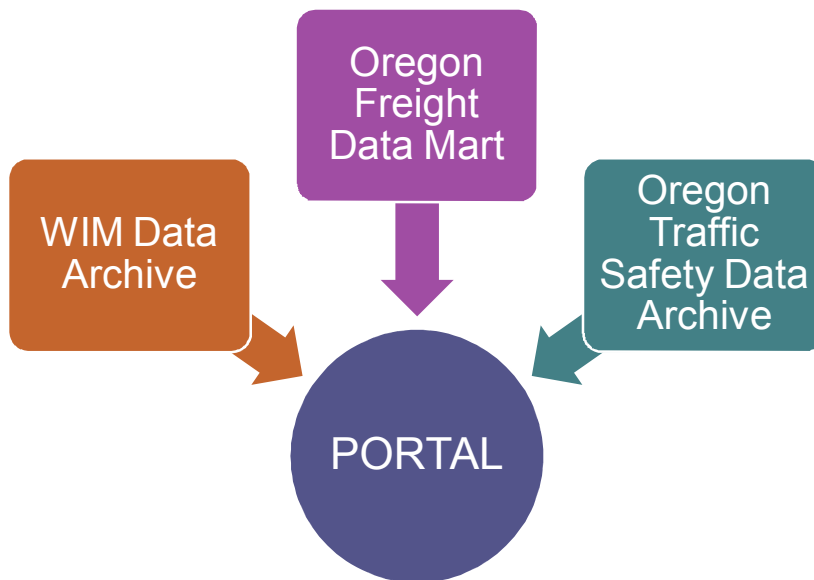
Welcome to the Portland Transportation Archive Listing (PORTAL). The purpose of this project is to implement the U.S. National ITS Architecture's Archived Data User Service for the Portland metropolitan region. This system is being developed at Portland State University by students and faculty in the Intelligent Transportation Systems Laboratory under the direction of Dr. Robert Bertini. We are working in close cooperation with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro, the City of Portland, TriMet and other regional partners. This work is supported by the National Science Foundation.

We welcome your participation in our project. The current PORTAL system archives the Portland metropolitan region's freeway loop detector data at its most detailed level and also archives area weather data. We plan to expand the capabilities of our system and to include multimodal data sources from both Oregon and Washington. We provide access to the system by password. To request access to the system click on the Request Account link to the left.



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What's in the PORTAL Database?



Loop Detector Data
20 s count, lane occupancy,
speed from 500 detectors
(1.2 mi spacing)



Incident Data
140,000 since 1999



Bus Data
1 year stop level data
140,000,000 rows



Weather Data
Every day since 2004

001590

Days
Since July 2004
About +700 GB
6.9 Million
Detector
Intervals



VMS Data
19 VMS since 1999



WIM Data
22 stations since 2005
30,026,606 trucks



Crash Data
All state-reported crashes
since 1999 - ~580,000

Performance Measures Used



- Volume
- Speed
- Occupancy
- Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Vehicle Hours Traveled
- Travel Time
- Delay

Planning-Operations Connection

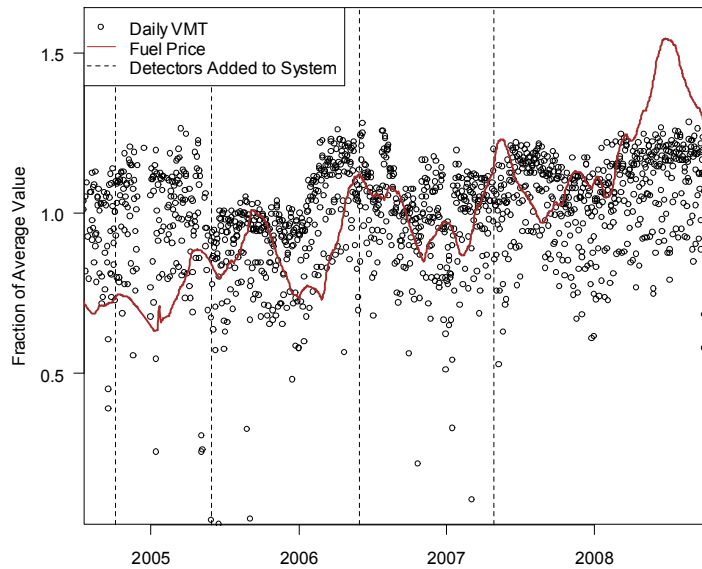
- Planning for Operations
 - Regional Concept of Transportation Operations Grant
 - TSMO & ITS in RTP and TIP
 - MPO Committees
- Congestion Management
 - Non-recurring
 - Reliability
 - System management
 - Links to freight and demand management

Data Visualization Examples

- Fuel prices and travel
- Green transportation measures
- Freeway operations
- Transit system performance
- Freight system performance

Fuel Prices and Travel Measures

VTM and Gas Prices



Green Performance Measures

Factors Affecting Emissions

Travel

- Primary determinant
- VMT sometimes used as surrogate measure for emissions

Traffic

- Congestion and speed variability are important factors in urban emissions
- High speeds lead to fuel enrichment and heavy emissions
- Low speeds generate high emissions rates

Driver Behavior

- Modifying individual driving behaviors can affect emissions by 5 to 25%
- Fluidity and steadiness of speed yield the least emissions
- Aggressive accelerations and high speeds generate the most emissions

Roadway

- Steep highway grades cause increased emissions, especially at high speeds
- Surface roughness can increase emissions by increasing rolling resistance

Weather

- Affects mostly evaporative (non-exhaust) emissions
- Measure temperature, humidity, and sun exposure

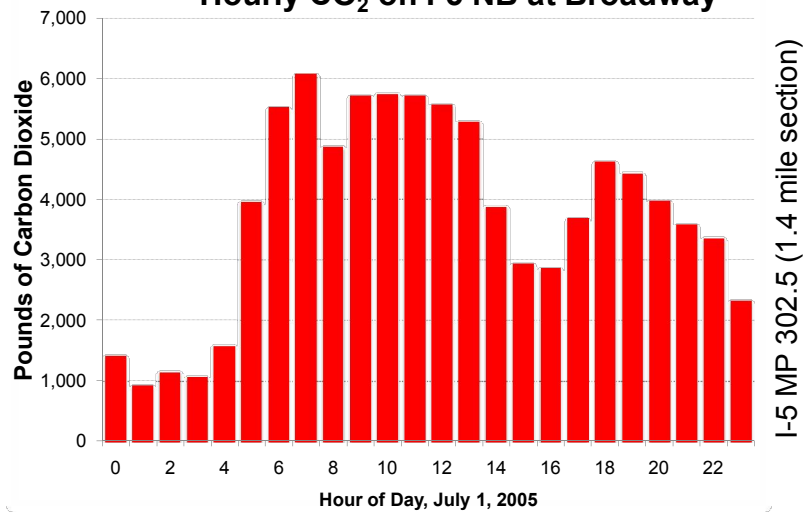
Vehicle

- Vehicles determine how above factors are translated into emissions
- Assess vehicle fleet distribution and usage over facility, vehicle class, and age

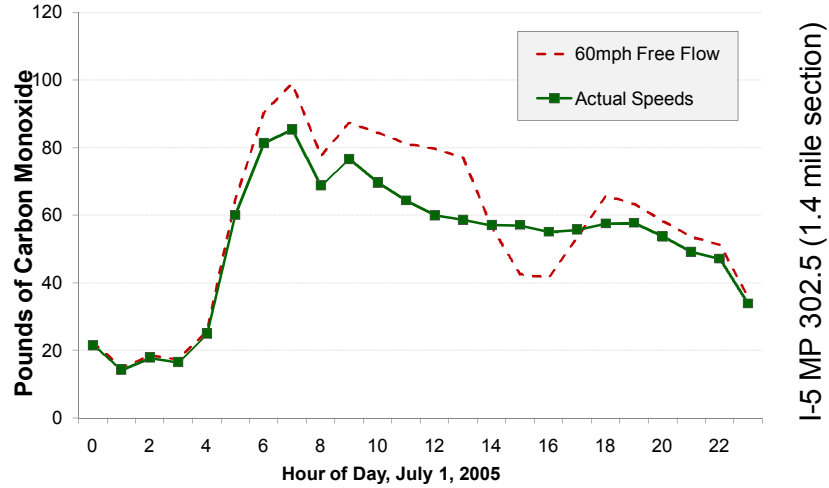
Emissions Estimation

	Regional Fuel Sales	Average Speed Models	Modal Models
Method	Carbon balance with fuel sales	Emissions rates tied to roadway average speed	Emissions based on individual vehicle modes of operation
Ideal Scope	Macro (regional, state, and national GHG inventories)	Meso to Macro	Micro (link and segment estimates)
Advantages	•Minimal data needs	•Only needs speed and travel data •Can be improved with other inputs (speed distribution)	•Captures more influences (Roadway and driver)

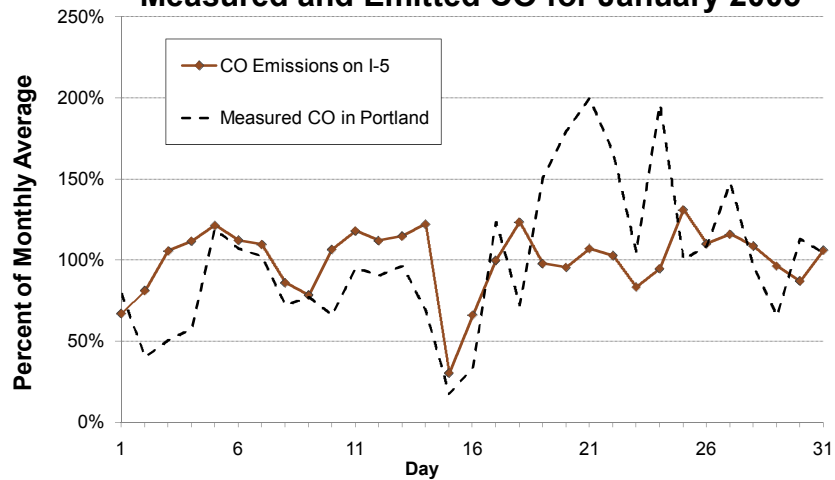
Hourly CO₂ on I-5 NB at Broadway



Hourly CO Emissions and Congestion



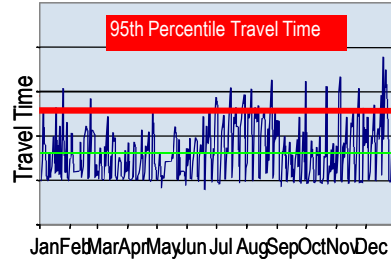
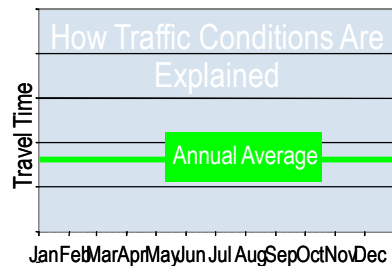
Measured and Emitted CO for January 2005



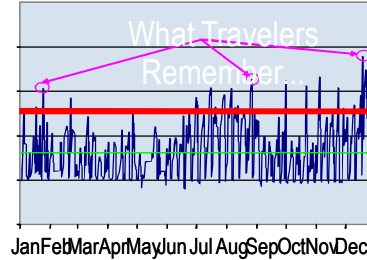
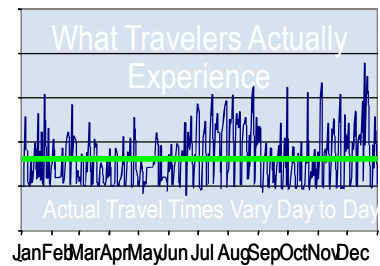
Note: There are many other factors (temperature) and sources (non-mobile) for CO in Portland. This was simply a sample visual comparison, not a correlation analysis.

Freeway System Performance

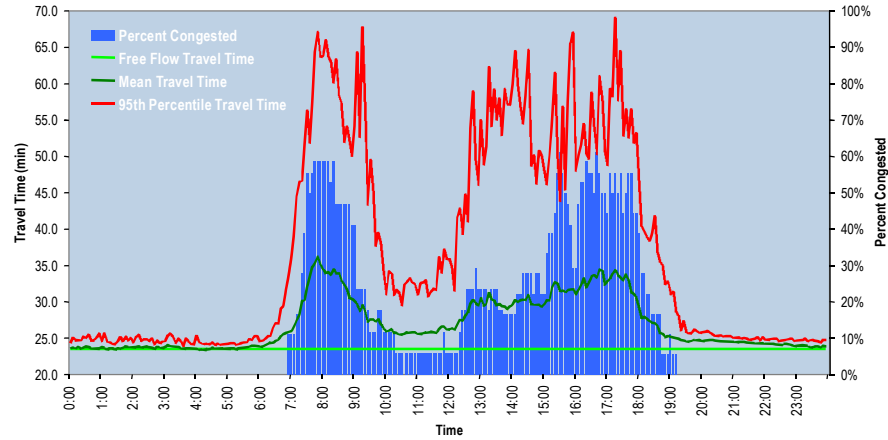
How Travelers View Reliability



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Estimated Monthly Travel Time I-5 North September 2006

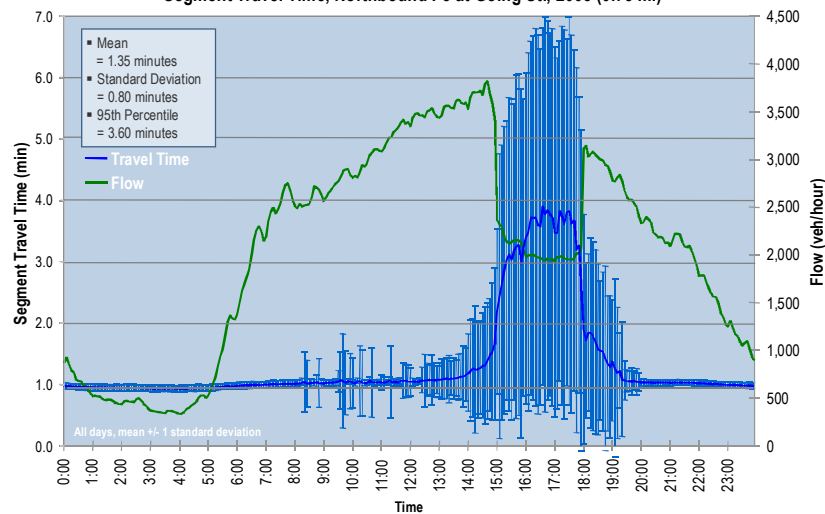


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Reliability at the Segment Level

Segment Travel Time, Northbound I-5 at Going St., 2005 (0.75 mi)

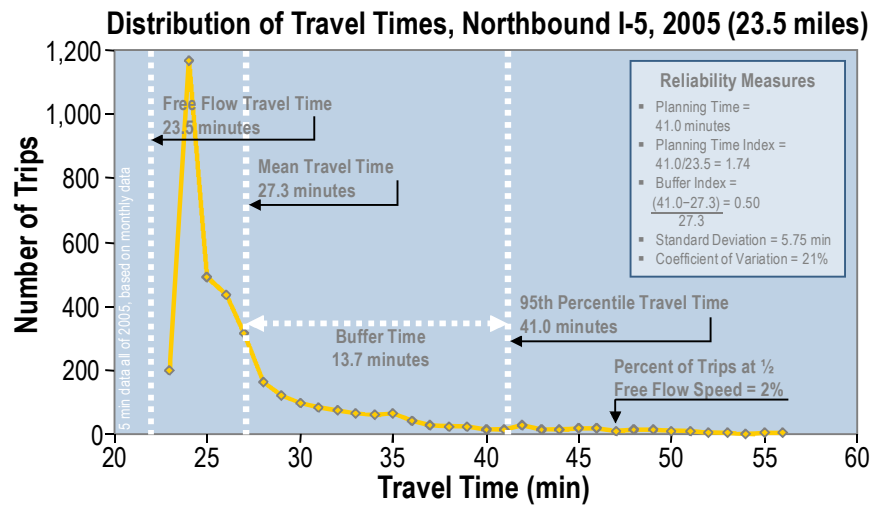


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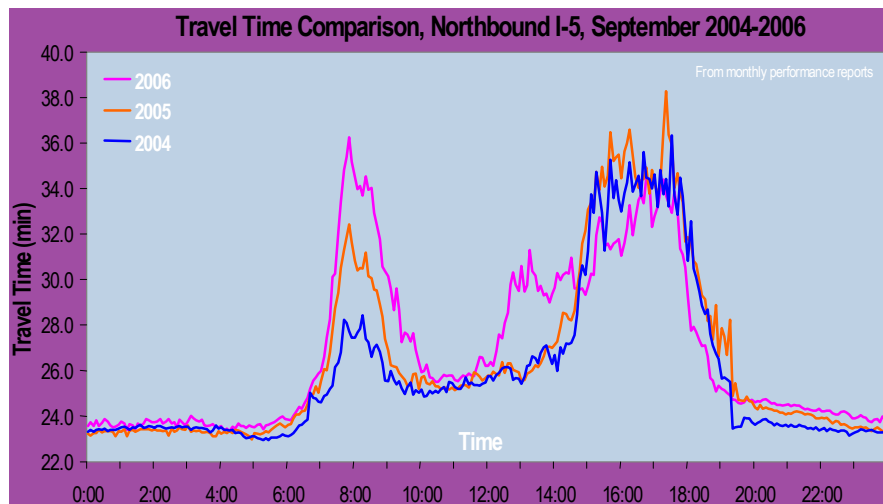
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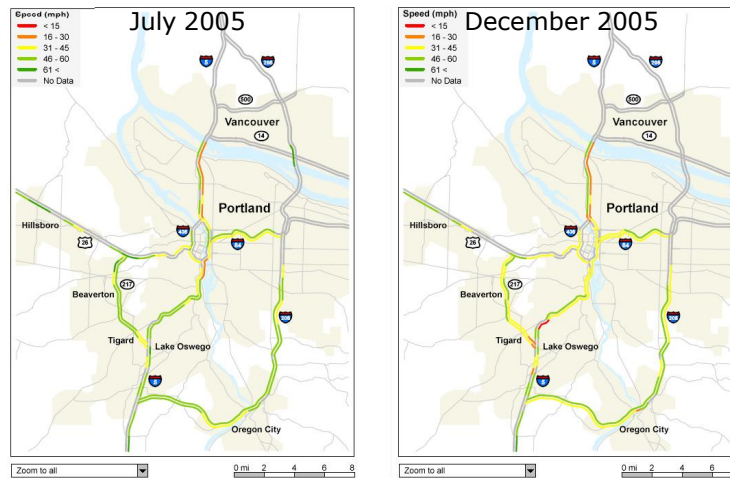
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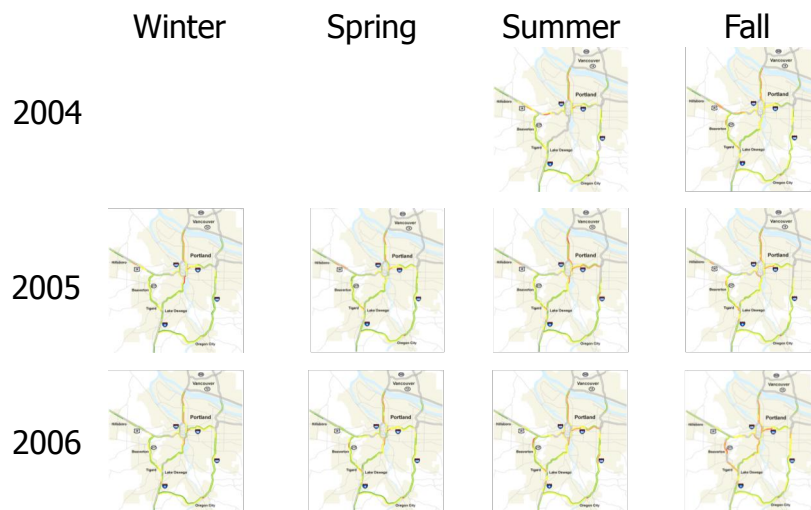


Mapping – Speed By Month



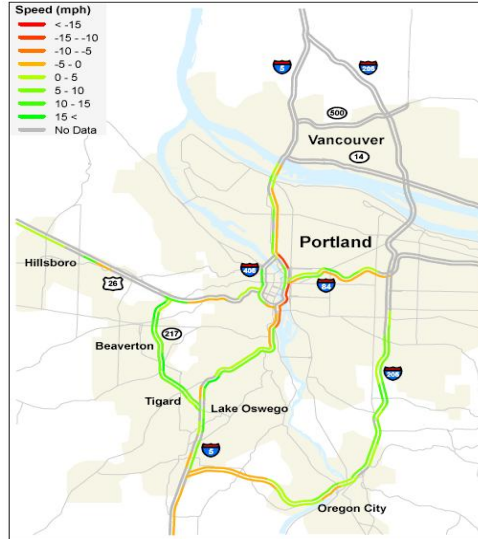
Average Evening Peak Speed (5-6 pm)

Metropolitan Congestion Over Time



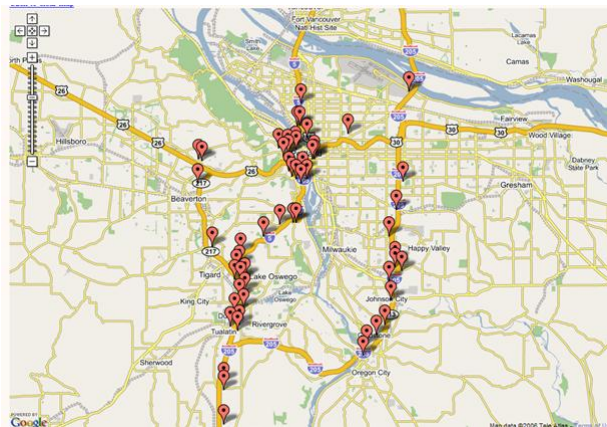
Mapping – Speed Subtraction

Difference
July-December 2005

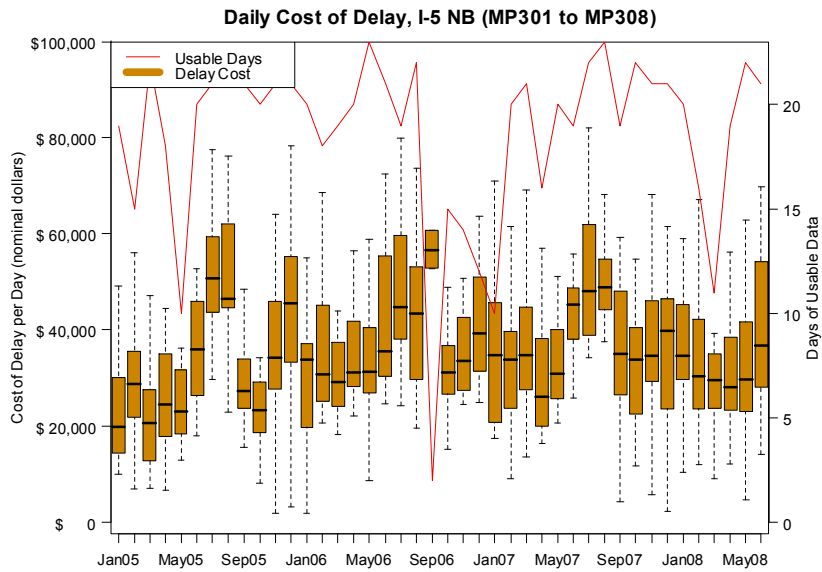


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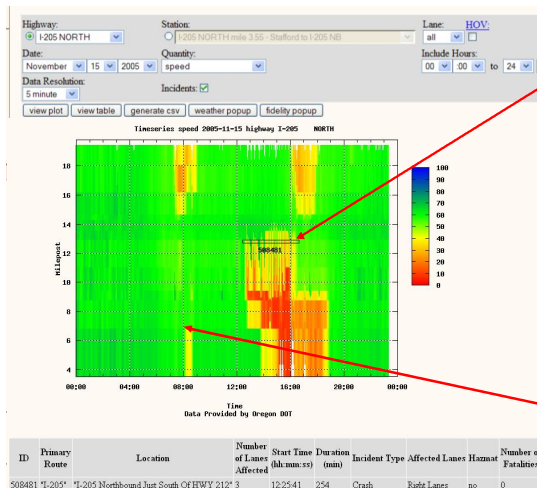
Data Quality Reports



- Stations Reporting
(June 2006
weekdays):
- No Traffic (all lanes) > 20% of Samples
 - Communications Failure > 15% of Samples



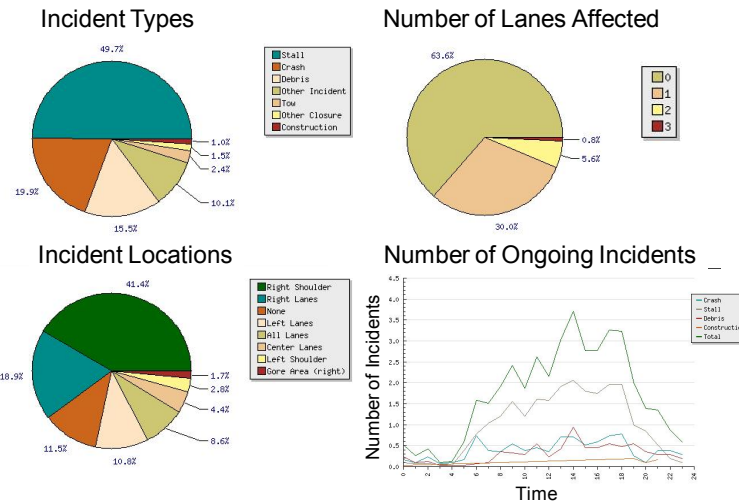
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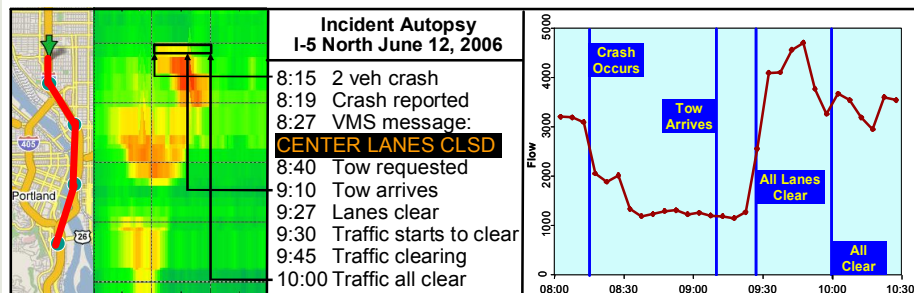
Incident on NB I-205, log truck rear-ended a nursery truck, two cars also involved, duration over 4 hours.

Incident on SB I-205, NB effects visible

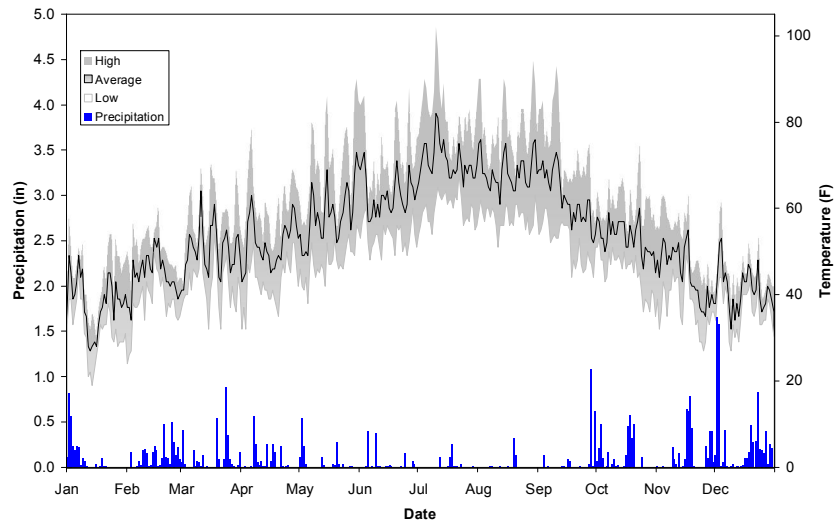
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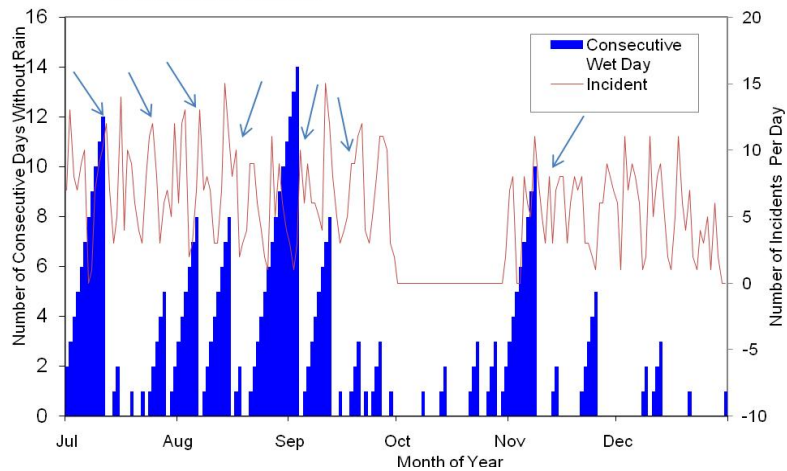
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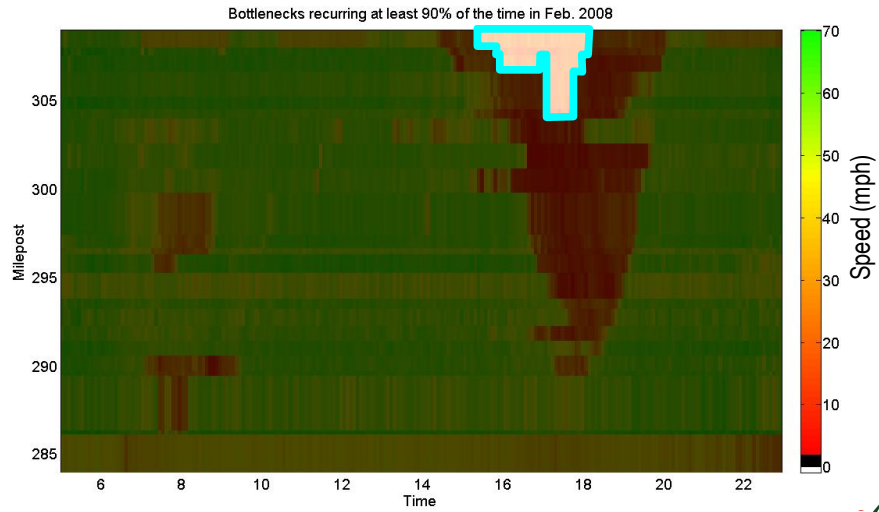
Portland Temperature and Precipitation 2007



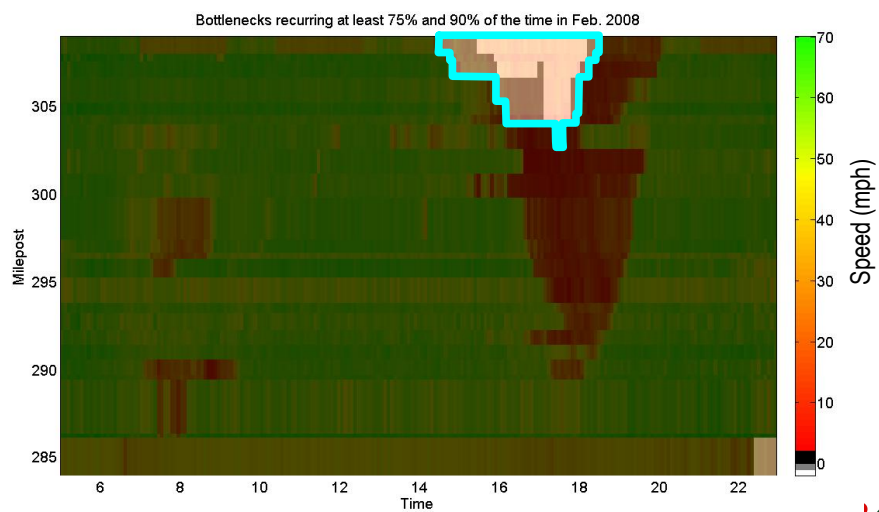
Number of Consecutive Days Without Rain vs Number of Incidents in 2007



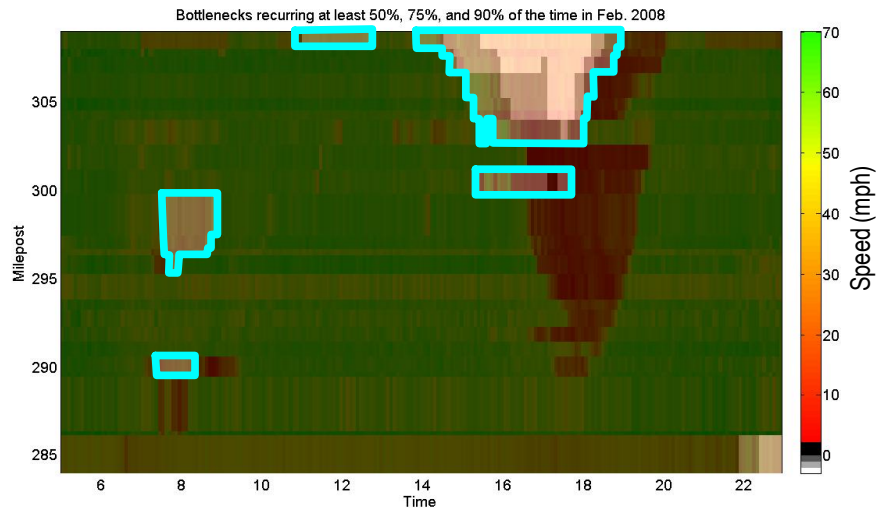
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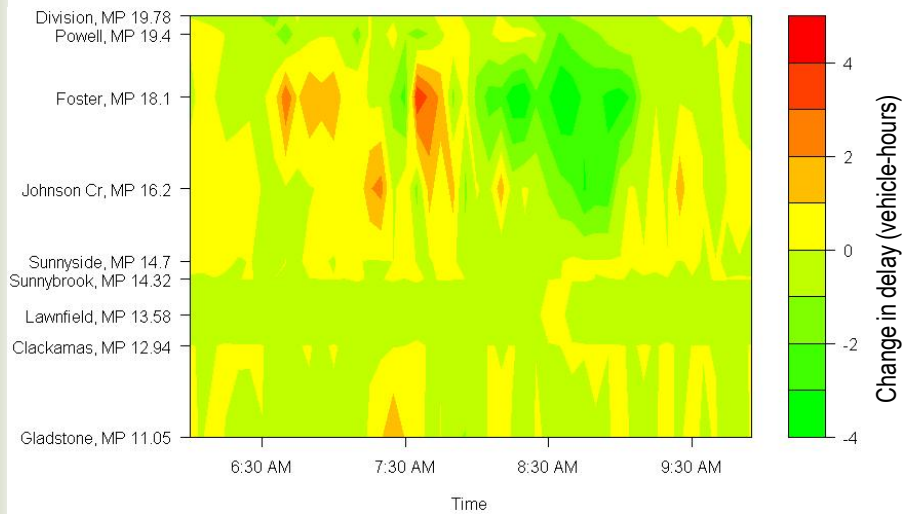
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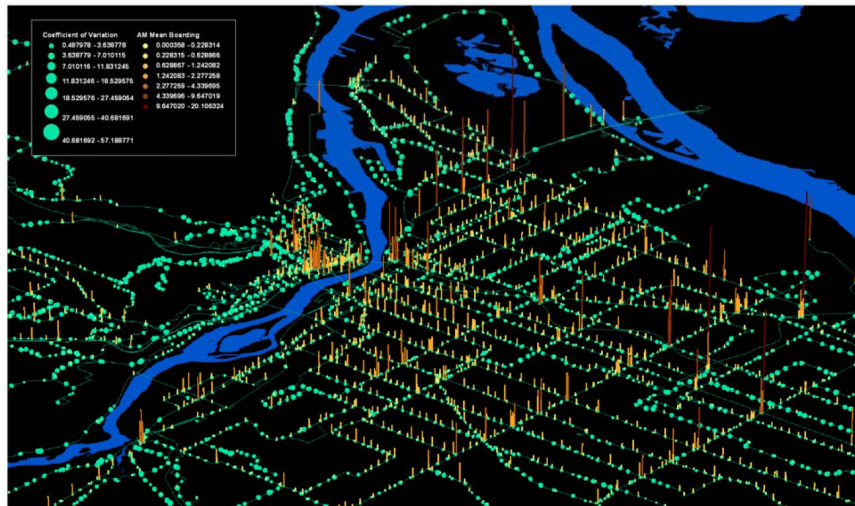


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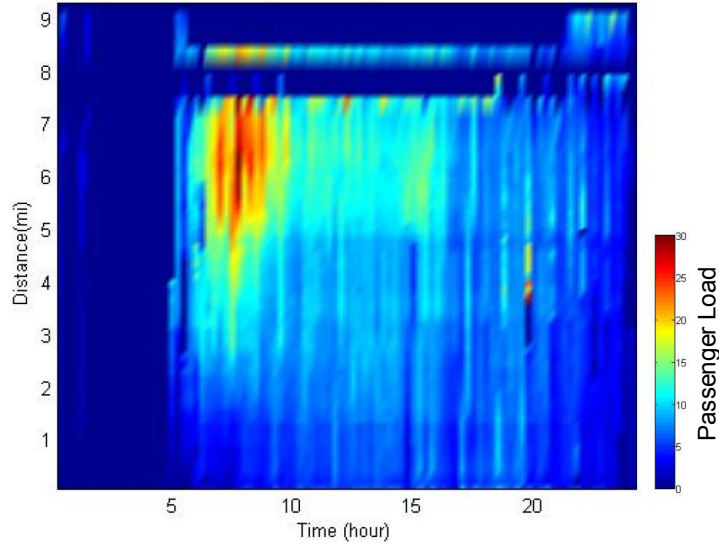


Transit System Performance

Passenger Boarding



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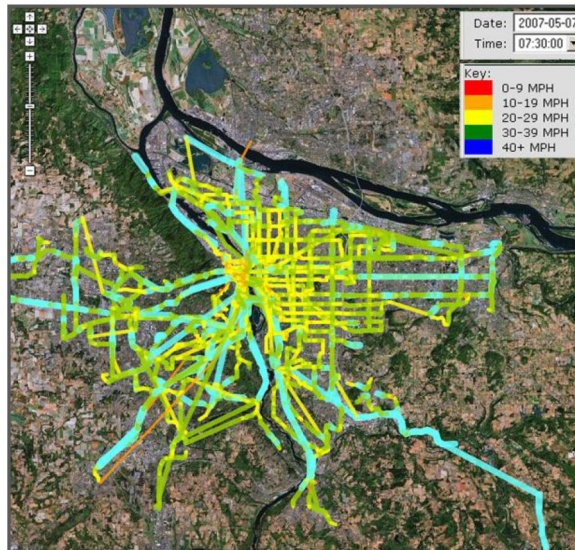


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Speeds as Reported By Bus



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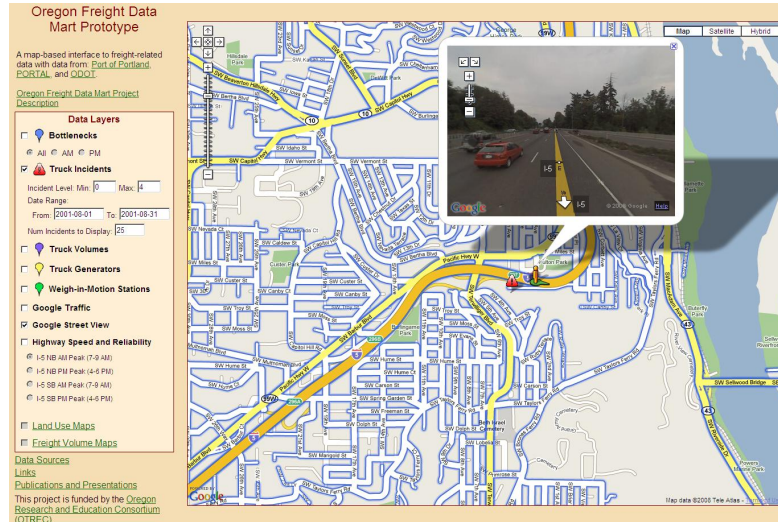


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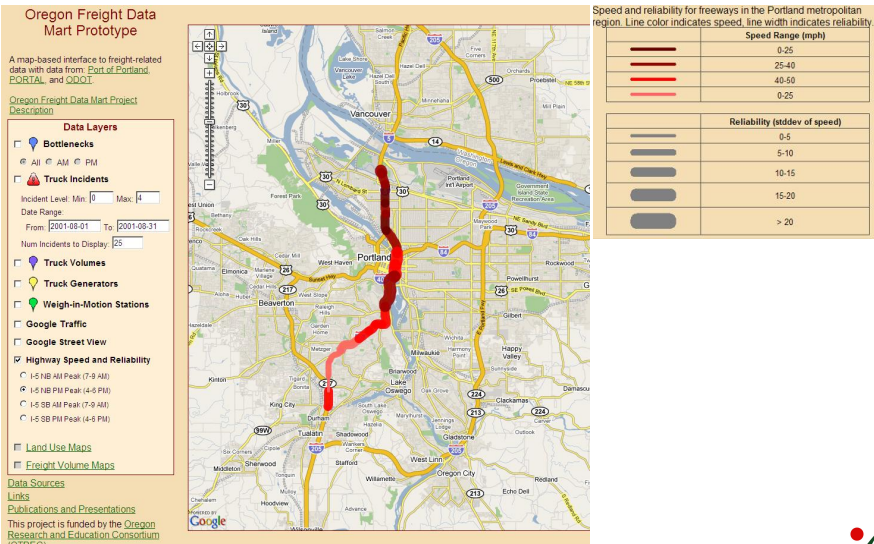
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Truck Incident Display



Travel Speed and Reliability



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